

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the Nation in declaring May as Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 43rd Anniversary of the passage of the "Older Americans Act" by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, America's aging population reached another turning point in 2008 as our nation's first baby boomer received her Social Security retirement check on January 1st, representing the leading edge of an aging demographic wave; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that 75 of North Carolina's 100 counties will have more people age 60 and older than 17 and younger by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, this year's national theme for Older Americans Month, "Working Together for Strong, Healthy, and Supportive Communities" reflects North Carolina's commitment to help all communities to become more livable and senior-friendly to promote healthy aging and active engagement among people of all ages and to assure easy access to reliable information to aid consumers in making choices about care and in preparing for their future; and

WHEREAS, May has traditionally been celebrated with tributes to older persons through ceremonies, events, fairs, and other activities at Senior Centers and other locations;

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2008, to be "**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and I urge all citizens of this State to take time to honor our seniors, family members, and providers of aging services and supports. I further urge all citizens and communities to work collaboratively to strengthen our preparedness and response to the aging of our population. Our efforts today can improve the lives of our seniors and help pave the way for future generations.




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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-ninth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.